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... that's Amersham's League Cup farewell

Amersham Town 4,
Ditton 2

AMERSHAM gave one of their most dismal displays of the season when they were beaten 2-0 on Saturday by Ditton in the Hellenic League Challenge Cup at Spratley's Meadow.

Ditton were faster to the ball and showed more spirit and enthusiasm than the Magpies and were allowed to dictate play when really

being challenged by the home team.

Play was very scrappy with little football being played by either side and Amersham's passing in particular was atrocious.

For Ditton, Marriott and Webb did good work in defence and Webb, in particular, was the inspiration behind many of the visitors' attacks.

SO BAD

Even though Amersham were playing really badly it was Fletcher who came nearest to scoring when he fired a tremendous shot which Jeffreys finger-dipped round the post.

Minutes later Summerling rolled a tremendous shot into the top left-hand corner of the net but again was foiled by a spectacular save by Jeffreys.

Ditton regained control and with 15 minutes of the second half remaining took the lead when Diddie made a tremendous shot six yards from the Amersham goal, was allowed to turn, lose possession of the ball and regale it, and push the ball into the net while two Amersham defenders stood watching.

The opening of the second half saw Amersham continuing to play in a casual manner, allowing Ditton to play all the attacking football without ever looking dangerous. Play in the second half was of a scrappy nature with neither side playing much football.

After 20 minutes play

Fletcher came on in place of Summerling in an endeavour to put life into the Magpies' attack and the move nearly succeeded when he combined well with Nisbet and taking the return pass hit a great shot inches wide of the post.

Ditton, countered and only

sterling work by Brooks and Bates kept the Magpies in the hunt. With 10 minutes remaining Ditton went further ahead when Webb, an industrious left-half, ran across the field and, from a tight wing position before pulling the ball across the face of the goal to Diddie who rolled the ball home again from 10 yards.

This set-back revived the Amersham trud and they played their best football in the remaining 10 minutes, but were foiled by a hard-tackled Ditton defense in which Marriott was outstanding.

In the second half the small and quick Woking forwards were frustrated by a strong Wycombe defence in which Colin Reid made some good interceptions and clearances. It was after some Woking pressure that the Wanderers managed to break quickly from defence and increase their lead. Steve Freeman, who had been moving well in the front line, quickly slipped the ball to Viv Busby who hit the ball hard and low through the legs of the onrushing goalkeeper.

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Woking Reserves 0, Wycombe Wanderers Reserves 3

STUART THOMPSON made a welcome return, after injury, to the Wycombe Reserves side at Woking on Saturday. He helped in consolidating the defence and was constantly prompting the forwards.

It took the reserves quite a while to settle into any pattern and early play was marred by some inaccurate passing, especially from defence, and by the forwards frequently being caught off-side by an alert Woking defence.

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A place in Round 2? A quick Cup exit? What awaits as...

WANDERERS HIT THE TRAIL TO WEMBLEY

WYCOME WANDERERS' journey to Oxford City on Saturday takes a new importance following the demise of their Isthmian League aspirations.

For the Amateur Cup is the last possible major title still available to the Loakes Park club this season. A quick exit would leave nothing but a tilt at the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup to drive them from the Christmas holiday programme to the end of the term.

Manager Barry Darvill has "special cup-in training" prepared for his squad of 12, from which he picked the team to play City on Monday night (see *Stop Press*, page 1).

Darvill, who spent three years on the playing staff at the White House, before joining Wycombe as team boss almost five seasons ago, is thus no stranger to Oxford.

"They are a useful side, playing well at the moment. There won't be much in it, but I'm confident that we will win," he said soon after the Weakstone game on Saturday.

His optimism however is not quite the general forecast on how the game will turn out. Many anticipate that Wanderers will not survive to be involved in the second round draw; others will go no further than predicting a Wycombe win via a mid-week replay.

In company with Darvill, Saturday will see a return to old haunts for both centre-half Ian Rundell and goalkeeper John Maskell, who, with the Wycombe attack so suspect, will need to play a major part in

the match.

Tony Horseman and Lex Merrick, Shippey has greater problems, but there is an element of the unpredictable about Wycombe, and

Shippey must take them as he finds them.

At the other end of the field, a probable threat to Wycombe will come from inside-left Tony

Bradbury, who after spending several weeks at Loakes Park during the pre-season training period, decided to stay on the City books.

A likely inclusion in the Oxford defence is George Puffin, a familiar figure to Loakes Park

patrons who will remember him as a former Wanderers' stalwart.

The Oxford line-up has remained unchanged for their last three outings, with Shippey;

Ramsden, Puffin, Pentecost, Shuttleworth, Metcalfe, Hellyer, Morton, Oram, Bradbury, and

Woodley.

Last season, Oxford's quiet but steady run in the Amateur Cup was terminated in a draw with Chesham United, when they became just

one of four of the "giant killers" four Isthmian

victims.

GEDDES WALKS OUT

Risboro' goalkeeper quits club at half-time. Meeting is called



GEORGE GEDDES ... walked out

Princes Risborough Town 1,
Thatcham 7

IN A sensational start to the second half of the season, at Windsor Playing Fields on Saturday, Princes Risborough Town's goalkeeper, George Geddes, walked out on his team, telling manager Jim Trust he would not continue.

After changing and showering Geddes made a quick exit from the ground. This was followed by a first period in which struggling Risborough had conceded four times to Thatcham's attack.

The Risborough club committee held a meeting on Monday night to discuss the sorry position the club finds itself in, both financially and results-wise. Said secretary Alan Vickers after Saturday's encounter: "No doubt the Geddes incident will be discussed in full and appropriate action will be taken."

It was all just one more blow to a day when the Town defence was ripped open seven times, in a humiliating home defeat. Coming so soon after the crushing failure against Stokenchurch, defeat left Risborough a shaken club.

Confusing

The first half was a confusing affair. Risborough, having the edge on clear cut chances produced, but not taking them, whilst the visiting forwards took all that were offered them.

Young Michael Anderson, drafted into the team for his first game in the Senior side did well at all points, but Brian Peet, playing in the unfamiliar centre-half position never looked really at home and pro-

Magee, the dangerous and pro-

gressive, had his best game from the right wing.

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After a short break, the

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